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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

**House Resolution**

**No. 41**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Ting and Ammiano**

May 19, 2014

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House Resolution No. 41—Relative to ~~the~~ City College of San Francisco.

1     WHEREAS, ~~The~~ City College of San Francisco, founded in  
2     1935, is a long-running and established entity in the San Francisco  
3     Bay area; and  
4     WHEREAS, ~~The~~ City College of San Francisco is the largest  
5     community college district with a student enrollment of  
6     approximately 80,000 students in 2012; and  
7     WHEREAS, ~~The~~ City College of San Francisco gives individuals  
8     who lack English language skills the ability to learn English to  
9     gain employment and participate and contribute to the economy;  
10    and  
11    WHEREAS, ~~The~~ City College of San Francisco is the first stop  
12    for many recent immigrants to take naturalization courses to  
13    integrate into the broader society; and  
14    WHEREAS, ~~The~~ City College of San Francisco provides a  
15    pathway to career and participation in the California dream for  
16    thousands of people each year; and  
17    WHEREAS, ~~The~~ City College of San Francisco is a valuable  
18    tool in maintaining the middle class in the City and County of San  
19    Francisco by being one of the few resources low-income students  
20    can utilize to climb the economic ladder; and

1 WHEREAS, ~~The~~ City College of San Francisco is an important  
2 resource that provides opportunities for low-income students to  
3 gain job skills and adults to obtain their graduate equivalency  
4 diplomas; and

5 WHEREAS, ~~The~~ City College of San Francisco offers over 50  
6 educational programs and more than 100 work training courses  
7 and specializes in training the future workforce of the City and  
8 County of San Francisco in the hospitality, culinary, automotive,  
9 and construction industries; and

10 WHEREAS, California's Student Success Score Card, a  
11 performance measurement system created by the Board of  
12 Governors of the California Community Colleges to track student  
13 success at all community colleges in California, shows that ~~the~~  
14 City College of San Francisco has a higher percentage of students  
15 who transfer to a four-year university or earn a vocational  
16 certificate than the statewide average; and

17 WHEREAS, ~~The~~ City College of San Francisco is a major job  
18 creator in the City and County of San Francisco, employing about  
19 1,500 faculty members; and

20 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Budget and Legislative Analyst  
21 has found that ~~the~~ City College of San Francisco generates well  
22 over \$300 million in economic activity every year; and

23 WHEREAS, In July 2012, the Accrediting Commission for  
24 Community and Junior Colleges sanctioned ~~the~~ City College of  
25 San Francisco with a 'show cause' order, which required the  
26 college to remedy issues identified by the commission; and

27 WHEREAS, ~~On July 31, 2014, the Accrediting Commission~~  
28 ~~for Community and Junior Colleges will determine the~~  
29 ~~accreditation status of the City College of San Francisco;~~ *In July*  
30 *2013, the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior*  
31 *Colleges voted to terminate City College of San Francisco's*  
32 *accreditation effective July 31, 2014, subject to review and appeal;*  
33 and

34 WHEREAS, Since the 'show cause' order issued in 2012, ~~the~~  
35 City College of San Francisco has made substantial progress in  
36 remedying the issues identified by the commission; and

37 WHEREAS, ~~The~~ City College of San Francisco has hired a  
38 permanent chancellor, chief financial officer, chief counsel, and  
39 chief instructional officer, and filled other leadership positions;  
40 and

1 WHEREAS, ~~The City College of San Francisco has met nearly~~  
2 ~~85 95 percent of the 350 objectives laid out identified by the~~  
3 ~~Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges to~~  
4 ~~maintain its accreditation and the Fiscal Crisis and Management~~  
5 ~~Assistance Team, and in the college's Roadmap to Success, and~~  
6 ~~is now in substantial compliance with the accreditation standards,~~  
7 ~~but is not likely to meet them all by there are still changes the~~  
8 ~~college must complete that will not be finalized by July 31, 2014,~~  
9 ~~when the fate of its accreditation will be determined; the date upon~~  
10 ~~which the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior~~  
11 ~~Colleges revocation decision is scheduled to become final; and~~

12 WHEREAS, ~~The City College of San Francisco has asked for~~  
13 ~~an extension of time to allow them to fully address the issues~~  
14 ~~identified by the Accrediting Commission for Community and~~  
15 ~~Junior Colleges but the commissioners have declined the request~~  
16 ~~stating that federal law prevented them from granting an extension;~~  
17 ~~and~~

18 *WHEREAS, The California Community College Board of*  
19 *Governors has requested the Accrediting Commission for*  
20 *Community and Junior Colleges to rescind its termination of City*  
21 *College of San Francisco's accreditation and send a visiting team*  
22 *to the college to document the progress that has been made; and*

23 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Education  
24 recently stated that the Accrediting Commission for Community  
25 and Junior Colleges has the flexibility to give ~~the~~ City College of  
26 San Francisco additional time to remedy all outstanding issues  
27 without jeopardizing the commission's standing with the  
28 department; now, therefore, be it

29 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the*  
30 *Assembly urges the Accrediting Commission for Community and*  
31 *Junior Colleges to consider the progress the City College of San*  
32 *Francisco has made and, as necessary, provide the college with*  
33 *additional time to continue solving problems and keep its*  
34 *accreditation intact; and be it further*

35 *Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies*  
36 *of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.*